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SUBJECT: FINLAND'S SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

1. UK AMBASSADOR "ON BEHALF OF HELSINKI REPRESENTATIVES OF EEC MEMBER COUNTRIES" SENT LETTER TO AMB STATING THAT THOSE REPRESENTATIVES HAD AGREED ADVISE THEIR GOVERNMENTS OF DESIRABILITY OF MATCHING LIKELY EASTERN CONGRATULATIONS TO FINLAND ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER INDEPENDENCE (DEC. 6, 1977). LETTER SAYS EEC REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PREPARED DISCUSS MATTER WHEN THEY HAVE RECEIVED VIEWS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

2. THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE WHERE LOCAL EEC REPRESENTATIVES SENT US LETTER ABOUT RESULTS THEIR OWN CONSULTATIONS. EEC AMBASSADORS IN HELSINKI (UK, FRANCE, FRG, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, ITALY) ALSO PARTICIPATE IN REGULAR MONTHLY NATO LUNCH WHICH WOULD BE LARGER FORUM FOR DISCUSSING COMMEMORATION OF FINNISH INDEPENDENCE. US WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN NATO AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHES UNTIL NEW COM PRESENTS HIS
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CREDENTIALS, BUT TAKES PART IN NATO POLITICAL SECRETARY MEETINGS.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUBSTANCE OF SUGGESTION EXCELLENT IN THAT SUCH GESTURE BY WESTERN COUNTRIES WOULD TEND COUNTERBALANCE THE PROPAGANDA IMPACT OF EXPECTED SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN EFFUSIVE CONGRATULATIONS ON FINLAND'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. PARTICULARLY THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN

INDICATION OF SPECIAL PROPAGANDA EFFORT LINKING ANNIVERSARY
OF FINNISH INDEPENDENCE WITH 60TH ANNIVERSARY SOVIET
OCTOBER REVOLUTION. PROCEDURALLY EMBASSY BELIEVES INITIATIVE
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE LARGER NATO CONTEXT WHICH,
BASED ON DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN HELSINKI, WOULD ADD U.S.,
CANADA, NORWAY, TURKEY, AND PORTUGAL TO DISCUSSIONS.

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